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A. CINCPACREPRY 151145Z JUL 69

B. OKA 1302/300128Z JUL 69

1. REF A FORWARDED THE AFTER ACTION REPORT OF THE PINCUS AND PAUL VISIT TO OKINAWA ON 14 JULY 1969. REF B PROVIDED A SUPPLEMENT TO THE AFTER ACTION REPORTS OF PINCUS/PAUL VISIT TO OKINAWA CONCERNING SPECIAL FORCES, COVERT, AND RELATED SENSITIVE ACTIVITIES WORLDWIDE.
2. PARAGRAPH 10 OF REF A CONTAINED A SUMMARY OF THE PINCUS/PAUL VISIT TO THE 1ST SPECIAL FORCES GROUP ON 14 JUL 69.
3. CAPT FONTAIN'S RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS POSED BY MR. PINCUS ON 15 JULY, REPORTEDLY BASED ON HEARSAY, APPEAR TO CONTAIN SOME MIS- INFORMATION WHICH, IF NOT SO IDENTIFIED, COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS AT SOME FUTURE DATE.
4. ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST YOU PROVIDE MORE DETAILS ON THE CIRCUM- STANCES SURROUNDING THE INTERVIEW, FORWARD IN REF B. IT WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTING TO KNOW WHETHER CAPT FONTAIN WAS OR IS AWARE OF THE REASON WHY HE WAS SINGLED OUT BY NAME FOR QUESTIONING AND ALSO IF THE INTENT OF THE INTERVIEW WAS ANNOUNCED BY MR. PINCUS WHEN HE REQUESTED CAPT FONTAIN'S PRESENCE.
5. WARM REGARDS. GP-1

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE ABOVE, GEN HORNER HAS INTERVIEWED CPT FONTAINE IN ORDER TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING HIS QUESTIONING BY MR. PINCUS WHICH WAS REPORTED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGE. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THIS INTERROGATION BY GEN HORNER:

A. CPT FONTAINE OF SPECIAL ACTION FORCES, SOUTHEAST ASIA, IS AN ENGINEER OFFICER WHO HAS SERVED 29 MONTHS IN VIETNAM (DEC 66 - 23 MAR 69): FIRST WITH AN ENGINEER BRIDGE COMPANY AT TUY HOA; THEN AS AN ENGINEER PLATOON LEADER, 173D AIRBORNE BDE; ~~SERVED WITH THE 34TH 285TH 5TH~~ ^{AND GENERALLY HE} 5TH SPECIAL FORCES FROM AUGUST 68 UNTIL MARCH 69. DURING THIS PERIOD HE WAS A KB TEAM LEADER (ENGINEER DETACHMENT) IN THE I CORPS AREA (DONG HA, CAMP CARROLL, MI LOC). IT WAS DURING THIS LATTER SERVICE THAT CAPTAIN FONTAINE PICKED UP, THROUGH BATTLE ^EFIELD CHATTER, MUCH OF THE INFORMATION HE PROVIDED MR. PINCUS. IN ADDITION, HE MADE A TRIP ON LEAVE TO THAILAND IN FEBRUARY 1969 AND WHILE ON LEAVE VISITED THE 46TH SPECIAL FORCES COMPANY COMMANDED BY COL JOHNSON.

B. CPT FONTAINE DID NOT KNOW OF ANY REASON WHY HE WAS SINGLED OUT FOR INTERVIEW BY MR. PINCUS; HOWEVER, SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED FROM QUESTIONING HERE HAS DEVELOPED THAT THERE IS ANOTHER OFFICER BY THE NAME OF FONTAINE WHO HAS BEEN IN THE SPECIAL FORCES AND OTHER INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING ORGANIZATIONS. HE IS MAJOR SULLY FONTAINE, MILITARY POLICE CORPS, A BELGIAN-BORN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS SERVED IN VIETNAM AND IS MENTIONED IN THE BOOK "THE GREEN BERET." AT THE BEGINNING OF THE INTERVIEW IT WAS INDICATED TO OUR CPT FONTAINE BY MR. PINCUS THAT HE PERHAPS WAS NOT INTERVIEWING THE

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RIGHT INDIVIDUAL WHICH INDICATES TO US THAT THE NAME WAS RIGHT BUT THE INDIVIDUAL WAS THE WRONG ONE. CPT FONTAINE INDICATED THAT MR. PINCUS' NAME WAS FAMILIAR TO HIM AND THAT HE MAY REPEAT MAY HAVE MET HIM DURING HIS TOUR IN VIETNAM; HOWEVER, HE WAS NOT SURE. CPT FONTAINE UNDERSTOOD THAT MR. PINCUS WAS CLEARED FOR CLASSIFIED INFORMATION UP TO TOP SECRET AND HENCE FELT GENERALLY THAT HE COULD DISCUSS HIS KNOWLEDGE OF SPECIAL FORCES TYPE OPERATION WITH MR. PINCUS RATHER FREELY. PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW NO ONE HERE KNEW THE PURPOSE OF MR. PINCUS' INTEREST IN CPT FONTAINE.

C. INITIALLY MR. PINCUS HAD A CASUAL DISCUSSION ON SPECIAL FORCES AS A WHOLE AND THEIR GENERAL OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM. HE THEN MOVED TOWARD QUESTIONS ON MISSIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. ALL STATEMENTS BY CPT FONTAINE ON OPERATIONS IN RVN AND OTHER COUNTRIES BY THE SPECIAL FORCES IN A COVERT ROLE WERE BASED ON HEARSAY INFORMATION FROM OTHER INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM CPT FONTAINE HAD TALKED IN VIETNAM OR THAILAND. IN REGARD TO BIAFRA, HE STATES THIS INFORMATION CAME FROM SGM MERZEK WHO IS NOW IN THE 46TH SPECIAL FORCES COMPANY IN THAILAND AND WHO IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS OPERATION. IN NORTH VIETNAM, CPT FONTAINE INDICATED THAT WHEN HE WAS IN THE DONG HA AREA HE ACTUALLY SAW SPECIAL FORCES PERSONNEL GOING INTO LAOS AND KNEW THAT THE AREA SPECIAL FORCES COMMUNICATIONS DETACHMENT WAS BEING USED AS A LINK WITH LAOTIAN DETACHMENTS. IN REGARD TO OPERATIONS OF SPECIAL FORCES IN BOLIVIA, HE STATED THAT

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MSG E8 HAROLD LAMPKINS TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS ON ONE OF THREE TEAMS THAT THE 8TH SPECIAL FORCES IN PANAMA SENT TO BOLIVIA TO HUNT CHE GUEVERA. FOR OPERATIONS IN ISRAEL, THIS INFORMATION CAME FROM SFC JULIUS LOWE, NOW WITH THE 173D AIRBORNE BDE, WHO CLAIMED THAT WE HAD TWO TEAMS OPERATING THERE DURING THE SIX-DAY WAR AND THAT ONE AMERICAN WAS WOUNDED. FURTHER, AS FAR AS THE USSR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND EAST GERMANY ARE CONCERNED, HE UNDERSTOOD THAT DETACHMENT "A" IN BERLIN WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD TO BE A SPECIAL FORCES MANNED UNIT OPERATED IN THOSE AREAS. MUCH OF HIS INFORMATION ON DETACHMENT "A" WAS BASED ON INFORMATION HE HAD SECURED FROM A NICK BUCACHUK, OF RUSSIAN DESCENT, NOW IN THE SPECIAL FORCES AND WHO SERVED WITH DETACHMENT "A" AFTER WORLD WAR II.

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D. CPT FONTAINE INDICATED THAT MR. PINCUS WAS VERY INTERESTED IN THAILAND AND THE SPECIAL FORCES LED THAI PERSONNEL AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS, HE ACTUALLY HAD NO REAL KNOWLEDGE THAT THIS WAS SO -- HE WAS JUST ASSUMING THAT THEY OPERATED THE SAME WAY THERE AS THEY DID IN VIETNAM. MOST OF HIS INFORMATION ON RAMASTER AND COMMUNIST OPERATIONS WAS LEARNED FROM A BOOK WRITTEN BY LEWIS LOMAX "THAILAN -- THE WAR THAT IS - AND THE WAR THAT WILL BE." ALSO ON HIS LEAVE HE EVIDENTLY DEVELOPED A FRIEND, MR. SAMSAK BONG SUSAK, REPORTEDLY HEAD OF THE DRIVERS AT THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL, WHO GAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF A THAI POLITICAL NATURE. AS FAR AS AMERICAN CASUALTIES IN THAILAND ARE CONCERNED, WHILE HE WAS AT THE 46TH COMPANY ON LEAVE, A MESSAGE CAME IN CONCERNING FOUR KIA'S; HOWEVER, HE EVIDENTLY DID NOT SEE THE MESSAGE; HE ONLY DISCUSSED THIS WITH THE SERGEANT IN THE CO'S ORDERLY ROOM. EVIDENTLY MR. PINCUS, IN HIS QUESTIONING CONCERNING OUR OPERATIONS IN THAILAND WAS TRYING TO ESTABLISH A DIRECT CHAIN OF COMMAND OF THE 46TH SPECIAL FORCES COMPANY IN THE CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS. HE WAS QUITE INTERESTED IN COLONEL JOHNSON'S DEALINGS WITH THE AMBASSADOR, THE METHODS OF COMMUNICATION, AND COMMAND CHANNELS.

2. IN SUMMARY, IT APPEARS VERY LIKELY THAT MR. PINCUS HAD THE WRONG FONTAINE; THAT HE WAS LOOKING FOR CPT OR MAJOR SULLY FONTAINE WHO ENJOYS A RATHER COLORFUL REPUTATION. OUR CPT FONTAINE IS RATHER NAIVE, IMMATURE, AND INEXPERIENCED INDIVIDUAL WHO APPARENTLY WAS MERELY PASSING ON INFORMATION THAT SEEMS TO BE COMMON "DUGOUT" GOSSIP AMONG THE SPECIAL FORCES PERSONNEL THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. UNFORTUNATELY, CPT FONTAINE'S MEMORY IS QUITE GOOD AND BASED ON THE GUIDANCE THAT PINCUS AND PAUL WERE CLEARED FOR TOP SECRET INFORMATION HE DID NOT, AT THAT TIME, THINK THAT HE WAS UNDER ANY RESTRAINT CONCERNING HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. PINCUS.

3. WITH RESPECT AND BEST WISHES.

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1. REF A FORWARDED A SUPPLEMENTARY AFTER ACTION REPORT OF THE PINCUS/PAUL VISIT TO OKAINAWA CONCERNING SPECIAL FORCES, COVERT, AND RELATED SENSITIVE ACTIVITIES WORLDWIDE. REF B STATED THAT MISINFORMATION WAS PROVIDED TO MR. PINCUS AND REQUESTED DETAILS ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE INTERVIEW REPORTED IN REF A. REF C PROVIDED ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING THE INCIDENT REPORTED IN REF A WHICH INDICATED A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY IN SELECTION OF INTERVIEWEE WHO PROVIDED "INFORMATION" BASED ON HEARSAY.
2. ANALYSIS OF THE GENSER AFTER-ACTION REPORTS FROM CINCPACREPRY, AMEMB BANGKOK AND COMUSMACTHAI COUPLED WITH THE CITED REFERENCES, EVIDENCE AN UNUSUAL CONCERN ABOUT SPECIAL FORCES, COVERT, AND RELATED ACTIVITIES ON THE PART OF SUBJECT VISITORS.
3. SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIVING A LARGE AMOUNT OF MISINFORMATION, BASED ON HEARSAY, FROM A NAIVE, IMMATURE, AND INEXPERIENCED INDIVIDUAL MR. PINCUS SPENT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF HIS TIME, AT OTHER LOCALES, SEEKING CONFIRMATION OF THE "INFORMATION" RECEIVED ON OKINAWA.

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4. WHILE IN THAILAND SOME OF THE MISINFORMATION WAS CLARIFIED AND CORRECTED; MORE REMAINS TO BE PUT IN THE PROPER PROSPECTIVE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT AT SOME FUTURE DATE MR. PINCUS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SEPARATE THE WHEAT FROM THE CHAFF.

5. SUGGEST THAT, UPON THE RETURN OF PINCUS/PAUL TO WASHINGTON, THEY BE CONTACTED BY THE APPROPRIATE, KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONNEL AND THE AREAS OF SPECIAL FORCES, MILITARY COVERT, AND RELATED ACTIVITIES BE CLARIFIED AND PLACED IN THE PROPER PROSPECTIVE.

6. VERY RESPECTFULLY AND WARM REGARDS.

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SUBJ: SUPPLEMENT TO AFTER ACTION REPORT OF PINCUS/PAUL VISIT

TO OKINAWA (U)

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1. (U) WHILE MR. PINCUS AND MR. PAUL WERE VISITING THE USARPAC INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL ON 15 JUL 69 MR. PINCUS REQUESTED THAT CAPTAIN LAMAR FONTAIN, III, C.E., 112-36-2538, 539TH ENGR DET, 1ST SPECIAL FORCES, BE DIRECTED TO REPORT TO THE SCHOOL COMMANDANT'S OFFICE FOR QUESTIONING. BACKGROUND AS TO WHY MR. PINCUS CALLED CAPTAIN FONTAIN FOR QUESTIONING IS UNKNOWN AT THIS HEADQUARTERS. CAPTAIN FONTAIN MADE A MEMO FOR THE RECORD OF THE INTERVIEW WHICH IS QUOTED BELOW. AS INDICATED IN THE CLOSING REMARKS BY CAPTAIN FONTAIN MUCH OF THE INFORMATION HE PROVIDED IS HEARSAY.

2. (U) QUOTE FROM CITED MEMO: ON 15 JUL 69 I WAS DIRECTED TO REPORT TO THE USARPAC INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL FOR INTERVIEW BY MR. PINCUS AND MR. PAUL, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE. I ARRIVED AT APPROXIMATELY 1000 HOURS AND WAS BRIEFED BY COL DUDDY THAT MR. PINCUS AND MR. PAUL WERE HERE TO QUESTION ME AND THAT I SHOULD ANSWER TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY ALL QUESTIONS PUT TO ME. COL DUDDY ALSO INFORMED ME THAT MR. PINCUS AND MR. PAUL HAD THE PROPER SECURITY CLEARANCES.

3. (U) WHEN MR. PINCUS AND MR. PAUL ARRIVED AT THE INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL, MR. PINCUS REQUESTED THAT HE AND I BE LEFT ALONE AS HE HAD SOME QUESTIONS FOR ME. MR. PAUL AND COL DUDDY LEFT THE ROOM AND MR. PINCUS STARTED HIS QUESTIONING.

4. (S) THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE QUESTIONS ASKED AND THE ANSWERS I GAVE:

Q. DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT U.S. SPECIAL FORCES MISSIONS IN BIAFRA?

A. I TOLD MR. PINCUS THAT I HAD HEARD OF SUCH MISSIONS IN CASUAL CONVERSATION WITH PEOPLE IN VIETNAM.

Q. MR. PINCUS THEN ASKED ME TO ELABORATE ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CONVERSATION AND TO RELATE AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE WHAT WAS SAID.

A. I TOLD MR. PINCUS THAT I KNOW OF A MAN (SGM NICHOLAS ANTHONY MERZICH) WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN SENT TO BIAFRA IN EARLY 1968, THAT THE PARTICULAR MISSION HE WAS ON LASTED APPROXIMATELY 24 HOURS, AND THAT HE WAS SENT IN SUPPORT OF MERCENARY TROOPS AGAINST THE IBO TRIBESMEN.

Q. IN WHAT OTHER COUNTRIES WERE U.S. SPECIAL FORCES PERSONNEL CARRYING OUT COVERT MISSION?

A. I ANSWERED THAT COUNTRIES I KNEW OF WERE LAOS, CAMBODIA, AND RVN.

Q. HAVE YOU HEARD OF ANY OTHER COUNTRIES?

A. YES. NORTH VIETNAM, BOLIVIA, BURMA, BRAZIL, COLUMBIA, USSR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EAST GERMANY, MAINLAND CHINA, REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, MALI, ISRAEL, AND JORDAN - THE LATTER TWO IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY.

Q. WHAT IS THE ORGANIZATION OF THE COVERT UNITS IN RVN AND WHAT OFFICERS ARE ASSIGNED OR COMMANDING?

A. I HAVE HEARD OF A FEW: CCS; CCC; CGN; PRU; PROJECTS SIGMA, ALPHA, OMEGA, AND DELTA; OP 34, OP 36, AND OP 38; MACVSOG AND

SHINING BRASS; STANFORD RESEARCH INC; MOTOROLA; PHILCO; AIR-AMERICA. THE ONLY OFFICERS I KNOW OF ARE COL WARREN AND LTC SMITH.

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Q. DO THESE PROJECTS HAVE ASSIGNED AREAS OF OPERATIONS?

A. AT ONE TIME I HEARD THAT THEY DID BUT AS COMMITMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS CHANGED THE PROCESS OF ASSIGNING AREAS WAS UNFEASIBLE AND WAS THEREFORE DROPPED.

Q. DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING OF THE ROLE OF THE CONSULAR STAFF PERSONNEL IN THE COMMAND STRUCTURE OF SUCH OPERATIONS?

A. THE ONLY THING I KNOW ABOUT THE COMMAND STRUCTURE OF CONSULAR PERSONNEL OVER MILITARY OPERATIONS IS WHAT I READ ABOUT GENERAL STILLWELL BEING RELIEVED BY FORMER AMBASSADOR MARTIN IN THAILAND.

Q. DOES THIS POWER STILL EXIST IN THE EMBASSIES?

A. I DON'T KNOW.

Q. HAVE YOU HEARD THAT THESE MISSIONS ARE CONTROLLED BY OUR EMBASSIES?

A. YES, I HEARD THAT.

Q. WHAT IS THE ROLE OF U.S. SPECIAL FORCES IN THAILAND?

A. ADVISE AND TRAIN THAI ARMY UNITS AND LEAD AND ADVISE AGAINST THE TC (THAI COMMUNISTS).

Q. WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THESE MISSIONS, A SPECIFIC ONE?

A. I HEARD THAT THEY WERE NORMAL SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSIONS.

Q. AGAINST WHOM? WHAT ARE TC?

A. TC ARE THAI COMMUNISTS AND I HAVE HEARD THAT THEIR LEADER'S NAME IS RAMA TER.

Q. WHAT ELSE HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE TC? ANY OTHER LEADERS?

A. I HEARD THAT YOD, A THAI COMMUNIST, WAS KILLED ABOUT FOUR MONTHS AGO.

Q. HOW?

A. I DON'T KNOW. PROBABLY A NORMAL SEARCH AND DESTROY, BUT I DON'T KNOW.

Q. HAVE ANY AMERICANS BEEN KIA THERE?

A. I HAVE HEARD THAT SOME HAVE BEEN KIA.

Q. HOW ARE THEY LISTED?

A. AS KIA IN VIETNAM.

Q. WHAT SORT OF UNIFORMS AND WEAPONS ARE USED BY U.S. SPECIAL FORCES PERSONNEL ON COVERT MISSIONS?

A. SOMETIMES STERILE UNIFORMS AND WEAPONS.

Q. WHAT IS U.S. SPECIAL FORCES INVOLVEMENT IN NORTH KOREA, LAOS, AND CAMBODIA?

A. NORTH KOREA I DON'T KNOW. LAOS AND CAMBODIA THE NORMAL PUBLICIZED RECON MISSIONS.

Q. DO YOU KNOW A DR. SMITH IN KONTUM?

A. YES.

Q. DO YOU KNOW IF SHE IS INVOLVED WITH THE CIA?

A. I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T THINK SO.

Q. DO YOU KNOW OF THE BERLIN "A" DETACHMENT?

A. ONLY BY NAME.

Q. DO YOU KNOW OF ANY MISSIONS INITIATED BY THE BERLIN "A" DETACHMENT?

A. NO.

Q. HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF ANY NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR BASES IN LAOS?

A. YES. I HAVE HEARD OF THEM BUT I DON'T KNOW.

Q. HAVE YOU HEARD OF A B-52 BEING DOWNED OVER LAOS IN NOVEMBER 1967?

A. NO.

5. (U) IN CLOSING I WISH STATE THAT ALL INFORMATION GIVEN BY ME TO MR. PINCUS WAS GIVEN BY THE ORDER OF COL DUDDY, USARPAC INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL COMMANDANT. I WISH TO STRESS THAT THE INFORMATION I GAVE MR. PINCUS WAS NOT GAINED BY ME DIRECTLY OR IN DISCUSSION WITH PERSONNEL SPEAKING IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY. END OF QUOTATION FROM CITED MEMO PREPARED BY CAPTAIN FONTAIN.

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